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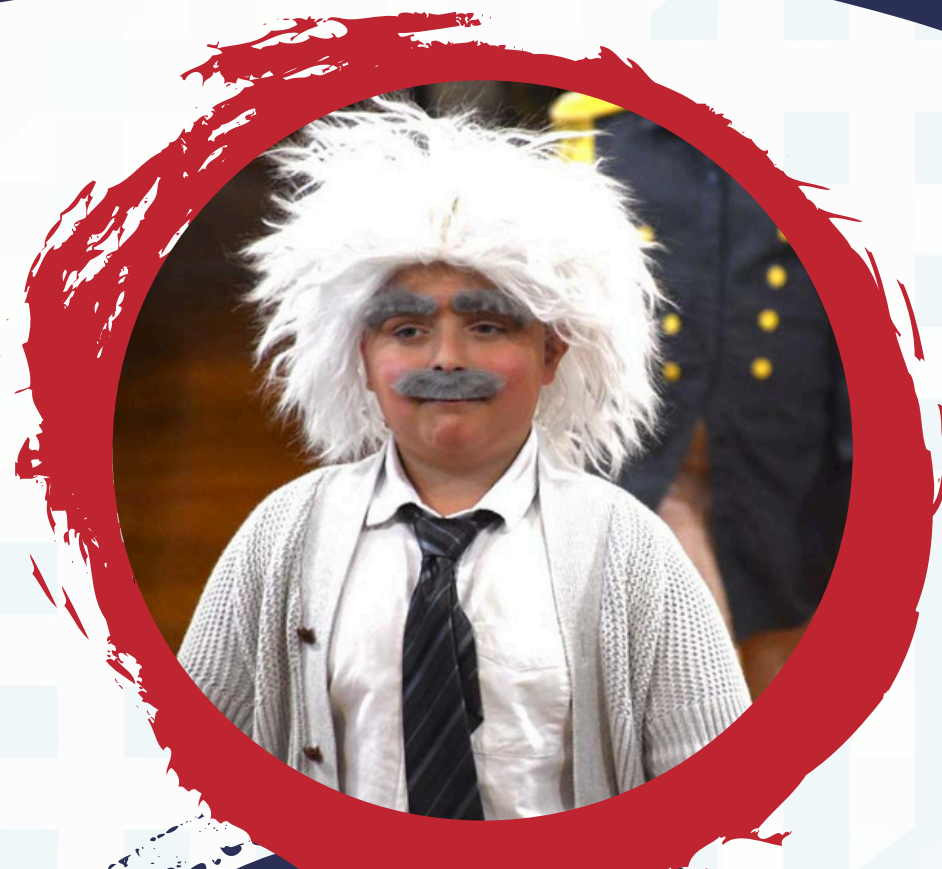
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SUPERINTENDENT *Message*

Dear Smithtown CSD Community,

I hope that you all enjoyed Memorial Day weekend and paused to remember the purpose of the holiday. Memorial Day provides us with the opportunity to honor America's military heroes who lost their lives in service to our country.

I would like to thank the community for its support of our budget for the 2024-2025 school year and the capital construction projects at Smithtown High School East. Your support of the budget will allow us to maintain our impressive course offerings and the supportive programs and supports that allow all of our children to thrive. I also would like to congratulate Dana Fritch and Emily Cianci on their election to the Board of Education. I look forward to working with both of them.

Whether your children are in elementary, middle or high school, this is a very exciting time of year. Each of our schools have a number of celebratory events that bring our students joy and I hope to share many of them with you, our staff, and most importantly, our students.

We hope you enjoy this month's edition!

Sincerely,
Dr. Secaur



CURRICULUM CORNER

CONGRATULAZIONI!

Students from Ms. Barricelli's Accomsett Middle School classes as well as students from High School West recently participated in the Annual American Association Teachers of Italian (AATI) Poetry and Song Competition, held at Hofstra University.

Students who study Italian memorized and recited Italian poetry ranging from the 1200's to the present in front of a panel of judges.

Students who sang an Italian song and were judged on articulation, pronunciation, deliverance, interpretation and difficulty of song.

The competitors from Smithtown High School West were Daniel Davidsen, Eva Supa and Olivia Wolber. This was Eva's first time competing and she won a first place gold medal for her Italian poem recitation. Olivia, who had competed before, won a first place gold medal in the song/opera category.

The competitors from Accomsett Middle School were Dominick Scavuzzo (8th grade) and Eitan Rubric (7th grade). This was the first time they attended the competition and received Participation Certificates.

All students participated in the Italian Trivia Contest testing their knowledge of Italian geography, people, culture and events.

The Smithtown School District won first place in this event!



WE REST OUR CASE!

Congratulations to the Great Hollow Mock Trial team, advised by Mr. Restifo, who competed in the Western Suffolk BOCES 40th Annual Mock Trial tournament at Suffolk Community College, Selden Campus.

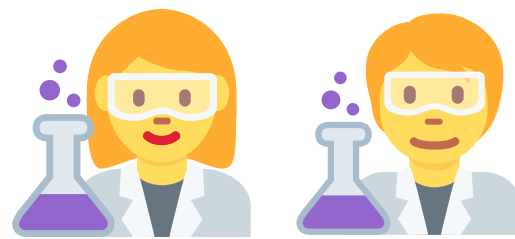
The 6th grade prosecution team of Luca Arnold, Camden Collins, Maeve Haggerty, Anthony LaTorre, Emilia Lewicki and Joseph Menhofer. They won on performance points in a complex criminal case against North Shore Glenwood Landing School, of North Shore Central School District.

The defense team of Mirielle Fox, Aaron Matvenko, Abby Matvenko, Stuti Prabhu, Kailey Tester and Emma Trabosh won a complicated criminal case on the merits and law against North Country Road Middle School of Miller Place UFSD.



CURRICULUM CORNER

MAD ABOUT SCIENCE!



Fifth grade students at Tackan had a chance to step into the role of Mad Science Detectives! Through hands-on activities children learned how science plays a central role in solving crimes. They explored the various methods employed by forensic scientists, like analyzing fingerprints and examining dental records to help solve crimes and get the bad guys.



MATH OLYMPIANS!

Mills Pond fifth grade students achieved a second place finish in the Suffolk County Math Olympiad competition!

Congratulations to Math Olympiad teacher Annette Lopez and the following students: Frankie Stollberger, Yasin Amjad, Carson Porter, Luke Ventura, Yumna Amjad



Frankie also won 5th place in the individual competition!!



SCSD ACHIEVEMENTS

PHENOMENAL PENUMBRA!

Penumbra, Smithtown High School West's literary magazine, has earned a Gold Medal from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) for its 2023 publication!

Part of a judge's critique of the magazine stated, "The staff is clearly passionate about their work, and it comes through on each and every page from the cover to the last page. The artwork was meticulously chosen for each and every individual piece and matched well with the poetry on the facing pages."

You can view the magazine [HERE](#)



Pictured left to right: Assistant Principal Mike Freiberg, Paula Araujo Parra, Anabelle Kreitzman, Joseph Davide, Abigail Jung, Alyssa Griesman, Hannah Ren and Club Advisors Chris Günsel and Robert Kuletsky

STEM STAR!

High School West science research coordinator, Dr. Joanne Figueiredo, was recently honored for her work by the Long Island Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Education Leadership Association (LISTEMELA).

Dr. Figueiredo was awarded this recognition for her dedication to equitable student access to high-quality learning experiences in STEM. Dr. Figueiredo has worked in the Smithtown Central School District for 25 years, having taught AP Chemistry and running the science research program. She is a strong advocate for teaching the students skills they will need to be successful in any career path they choose.

Dr. Figueiredo will retire this June, and SCSD Director of Science, Dr. Stephanie O'Brien says "she will surely be missed by her students and colleagues!"



SCSD ACHIEVEMENTS

ALL ABOARD!

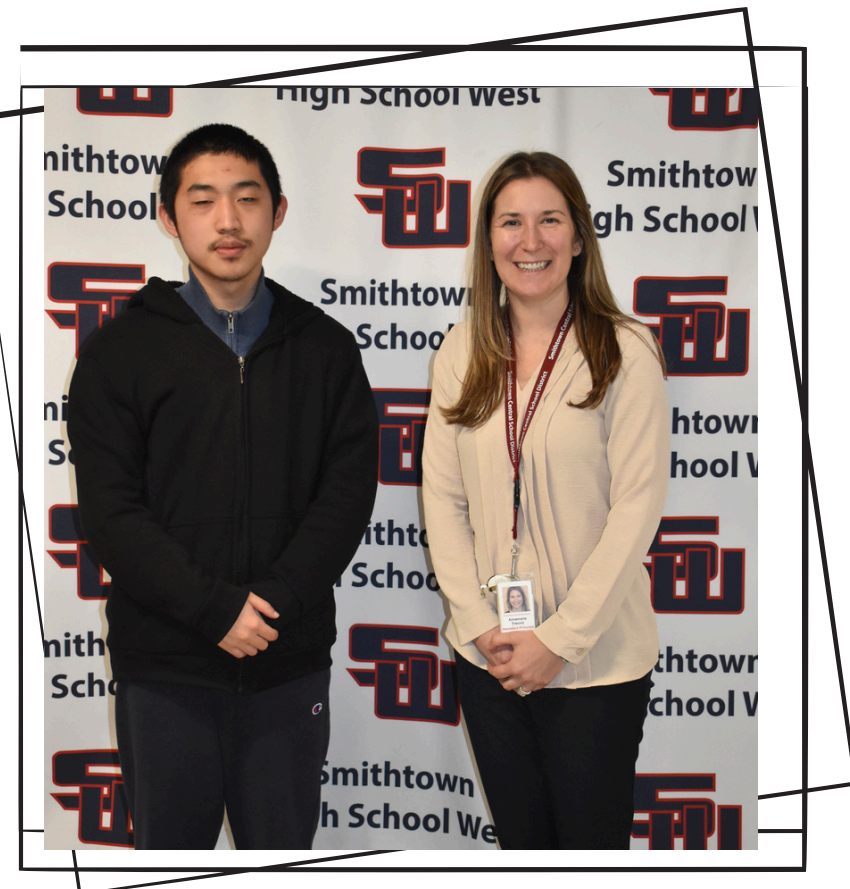


Smithtown High School West 11th grader, Heng Ye, is the driving force behind a LIRR simulator cab being available for public use at the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum.

The cab has been at the museum for more than half a decade, but sat idle. So Ye reached out to museum officials and offered his computer programming services to help transform it for public use, complete with sights and sounds of an actual ride.

Ye and the general public, can now experience the fruits of his labor when the simulator opens at the end of May.

To read Newsday's article on Ye, click [HERE](#)



CHEM OLYMPIAN!

High School East sophomore, Jolene Cao, has once again earned honors recognition for her outstanding score on the National Chemistry Olympiad Exam (USNCO), a chemistry competition for high school students. Scoring high on the regional exam, earned Jolene advancement to nationals where she earned her Honors designation competing among over 1000 students.



COMMUNITY NEWS

TRAVEL TIME!

We are excited to share the EF Educational Tours 2025 Travel Program in the Smithtown Central School District.

We believe travel is integral to the development, learning, and future readiness for all our students. We want to offer the opportunity for Smithtown students to partake in one of the 8 tour offerings happening in 2025. High school tours are open to students at both high schools; middle school tours are open to students at all three middle schools.

At EF Educational Tours, the itineraries are more than just places to go and things to see. They build programs that challenge assumptions, spark connections, and inspire curiosity in young students. Students will expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, grow more confident and independent, and understand new people, places, and cultures.

To learn more...xxxxxx

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS



LONDON & ROME



ATHENS & THE ISLANDS



PARIS, NORMANDY, LONDON



PERU



EUROPE'S MEDITERRANEAN COAST



SPAIN



GREECE



COMMUNITY NEWS

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK



The Smithtown Central School District would like to thank the men and women of law enforcement who, every single day, lead, protect, serve and put their own lives at risk to keep us safe.

We are very proud of our partnership with the Suffolk County Police Department.

In honor of National Police Week, our schools held various events to thank the members of law enforcement who are in our community.

From Dogwood's annual, "Police Appreciation Day" event to Mills Pond students welcoming law enforcement, to a fun kickball game at Smithtown Elementary, and a furry friend visit to St. James Elementary, the week was filled with gratitude and appreciation for the hard working men and women who serve and protect!

MEET THE STARS! ★

The St. James Elementary School's old gymnasium was the place to be as one could find Albert Einstein, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Taylor Swift, all together in the same spot.

As part of their biography projects, third graders dressed up like the famous person they researched. From Walt Disney and Kobe Bryant, to Neil Armstrong and Milton Bradley, the young learners really went all out.





COUNTY CHAMPS!



Our East and West boys and girls athletes shined
at the Suffolk County Track & Field County
Championships!

👏 to our County Champs! 🏆 🏆



Laina Friedmann
800m and 1500m Run
County Champion
Senior, HSW



Douglas Antaky
1600m Run
County Champion
Senior, HSW



Braden McCormick
High Jump
County Champion
Senior, HSE

SPORTS ZONE

RUN TO THE COUNTIES!

Congratulations to the HSW boys and girls lacrosse teams on making it all the way to the Suffolk County Class B Championship games!



RUN, RAYSHELLE, RUN!

Shout out to HSE freshman, Rayshelle Brown, who broke a six-year old school record in the 55m hurdles at the Section XI Championships.

Rayshelle ran an 8.84 which is an amazing accomplishment for an up and coming young athlete.

The coaching staff at Smithtown East said they are excited to see what Rayshelle's future holds!



OH, BROTHER!



Congratulations to HSW sophomore, Ishaanth Guduru (left), for winning the Section XI Division 1 Singles tennis championship! He and his 8th grade brother Sreeyanth Guduru, who finished 4th, both competed in the County Championships!!!

